

## **Alaska Energy Cost Reduction Program Progress Report**

**Grantee:** Alaska Power & Telephone Company

**Grant #** DE-FC07-04ID14538

**Period of Report:** Third Quarter 2006 (July 1 through September 30, 2006)

**Project Name:** Tok-Chistochina Regional Intertie Project (Denali)

**Project activities completed:**

Chistochina Line Extension

- APT staff met with Cheesh'na Tribal regarding permitting and ROW issues.
- Work continued with Ahtna on utility easement issues.
- Ahtna and Cheesh'na Tribal representatives met several times over easement issues and policy rewriting.
- Army Corp of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and Fish Habitat permits were granted.
- Obtained additional deeds and easements required from landowners.

Chistochina River Bridge

- The riser poles were set.
- The URD cable was pulled through the bridge conduit.
- Completed URD attachment to the riser poles

Slana Distribution System

- Land dwellers patents and bills of sales were submitted to BLM for ownership verification.
- BLM researched for each 4-Mile Settlement Area lot owner and granted construction permission for service to acceptable lots.
- The remaining right-of-way was cleared.
- A mile and half of line was complete including setting poles, anchors, transformers, service drops and meter bases. 18 Meter bases installed

**Project existing or potential problems:**

- Archaeological and cultural findings during ground disturbing activities slow or halt construction with the potential to change pole placement or route.
- Material prices continue to escalate and availability hampered with the rebuilding of Iraq and storm damaged areas of the U.S.

**Activities Targeted for Next Reporting Period, Fourth Quarter 2006:**

Chistochina Line Extension

- Continued preparing and filing permit applications.

- Meeting with the local residents for preliminary site surveys and acquire needed paperwork.
- Mark proposed power line route.
- Clear right-of-way. Install poles, conductor, and secondary services.

#### Slana Distribution System

- Complete remainder of primary poles, install conductor, and secondary services.

#### Porcupine Creek to Carlson Creek

- Site visits with BLM, Mentasta, and Ahtna Tribal Councils
- Complete final line placement determinations by all agencies
- Complete permits processes
- Acquire legal easement paperwork from landowners